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The Mayflower Society House Virtual Lecture Series continues in 2022! These lectures cover a variety of Pilgrim related topics, including the Pilgrims' odyssey, their life and times, their maritime experience and, of course, genealogy.

Please plan to join us for the next lecture topics highlighted below from the comfort of your home. These lectures are free and no pre-registration is needed. For more information visit: https://TheMayflowerSociety.org/history/lecture-series/

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Tuesday, December 13
7:00 pm (ET)
Michael Tougias,
"King Philip's War"

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EDITOR'S NOTE

▲ Scrooby Manor. Photo courtesy of Lorrie Link.

From its modest beginnings as a newsletter, up to its current more modern magazine style, *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* is the result of countless people, both past and present, who have dedicated their skills, passion, and time towards a common goal: to produce a publication that lives up to the mission and values of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Without the tireless work of all these editors, historians, designers, authors and volunteers throughout *The MQM*'s existence, none of these publications would be possible. As such, when I was first approached to assume the role of Editor-in-Chief of *The MQM* I was both deeply honored and excited to be given the opportunity to carry on in the tradition of editors past in helping bring you, the members, a magazine to be proud of.

While everyone in *The MQM*'s history could (and should) be thanked, I would like to extend a few more specific words of gratitude pertaining to my transition to Editor-in-Chief. First, the previous two Editors-in-Chief, Andrew Whipple and Susan Roser, set such fine examples by creating a beautiful and professional looking publication. Continuing *The MQM* along the path they started was an easy choice to make. Secondly, without the input, experience and help of the Editorial Review Committee and our two Copy Editors this magazine would pale in comparison. I would like to personally give a heartfelt thanks to GSMD *MQM* Chair Della J. Regenold, be it edits, Zoom meetings, or random email questions; no matter the situation Della was able and willing to offer sound advice and assistance. Lastly, I want to thank, you the Members of GSMD. Without you, there would be no magazine, no one to submit articles, no one to share news of exciting events, and no one to read the thing!

Speaking of reading, I hope you enjoy this, your fall issue. We have lots of exciting news from the various Member Societies to report, a wonderful account of "The Path of The Pilgrims" Heritage tour, complete with photos, a teddy bear picnic, and the informative conclusion to Becket Soule's "After the Mayflower" series. Also, since it's fall, three recipes from the 17th century that you can try out at Thanksgiving. The list could go on, but to use a word often found in *Of Plymouth Plantation*, lest I grow tedious, here I will end.

Humbly
– DB

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Governor General's Message

GOVERNOR GENERAL JANE E. GROVES RIDDELL HURT

As the leading organization perpetuating the memory of the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims through excellence in research and family history, the General Society's first General Board of Assistants Meeting was held on January 12, 1897. The first General Congress was held later that year on September 6, 1897, in the First Parish Church, now the GSMD National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. The meeting month of September was chosen because it was the month the Mayflower Pilgrims sailed to America in 1620. I look forward to welcoming you to this 125th Anniversary annual assembly of the General Board of Assistants Meeting hosted by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Minnesota on September 7-11, 2022, in Bloomington, Minnesota.

I am very excited to share with you the excellent news that following a presentation by GSMD Executive Director Mark Schmidt, the Plymouth Community Charitable Foundation awarded a $50,000 grant to GSMD for the purpose of installing a new handicap ramp at the back of the Mayflower Society House. I would like to express my gratitude to Executive Assistant Cheryl Soares for bringing the Plymouth Community Charitable Foundation grant to our attention. Please join me in thanking them for this successful presentation and award.

Executive Director Schmidt has now secured $250,000 in grants for GSMD since joining the Society on October 21, 2021. I am so proud of Executive Director Schmidt's achievements.

On Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm ET, I held my Governor General's 'State of the Society' webinar. The quarterly Governor General's webinar is an opportunity to share information about the accomplishments of the General Society to be enjoyed from your home. Preregistration is required on the GSMD website under member events in the members-only section. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The next quarterly webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm (ET). I hope you will join me.

I have been joyfully visiting many of the Member Societies. My visit to the Missouri Mayflower Society was on Sunday, April 24th in Kansas City, Missouri. This was the first in-person Missouri Society membership meeting since the beginning of the pandemic. Governor Sumner Hunnewell presided at the meeting. Missouri Mayflower Captain Fred Evermon is a ventriloquist, and he and *Archie* entertained the Missouri Society members and guests prior to the business meeting. My thanks to Governor Hunnewell and the Missouri Society members for presenting me with the custom Missouri medal.

The weekend of May 1st I drove to Omaha, Nebraska, for the Nebraska Mayflower Society meeting. Governor Kathryn Morrissey, Deputy Governor General Gretchen Harvey, and Bill Harvey whisked me off to Benson, Nebraska, for a brief visit to the General Merchandise Store and the Bank of Benson built in 1904 by my great grand uncle, James Almon Howard. James A. Howard was elected Mayor of Benson in 1907, and served two terms. A lovely welcome dinner was held for me by the Nebraska Board of Assistants. I was the keynote speaker for the Nebraska Society luncheon meeting on Sunday. I was pleased to accept a donation to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) along with a personal gift basket that included Nebraska mementos, a book, and keepsakes about my Nebraska family.

On May 6-8, I flew to Roanoke for the Virginia Mayflower Society meeting. Secretary General Meg Averett's brother lives in Roanoke and she drove to join us for the lovely weekend. Governor Lee Hardin Woody held a welcome cocktail reception in her home, assisted by her adorable fur friend, Zsa Zsa. GSMD Endowment Trustee Mark Cox and his wife Emily provided transportation for us to the cocktail party. Secretary General Averett and I attended the Board of Assistants meeting and the business luncheon meeting. Thank you, Governor Woody and the Virginia Society members, for the GSMD donation and your generosity.

The Illinois Mayflower Society welcomed me to the Chicago area on May 20th. My thanks to Illinois Mayflower member Deborah Domain for providing my local transportation and to Deputy Governor Ann Wilkerson for coordinating my visit. A Board of Assistants welcome dinner was held on Friday evening where I was officially greeted by Governor Jessica Schleinzer and GSMD Member-at-Large Jane Schleinzer. Saturday's Mayflower meeting included a silent auction. Following my program, Governor Jessica Schleinzer presented me with a gift bag of goodies that was perfect for travel.

On May 28th through June 10th GSMD Historic Sites Chair Lisa Shoemaker, GSMD Member-at-Large Lorrie Link, and I were joined by thirty Mayflower friends for the 2022 GSMD Mayflower "Path of the Pilgrims" Heritage Tour to the Netherlands and England. It was a memorable trip to walk the paths of our Pilgrim ancestors. We made new friends from across the country and we are anxious to reunite in Minnesota this September for the General Board of Assistants meeting. Heartfelt appreciation goes to Mayflower400 Tours Rowena Drinkhouse for the generous GSMD donation of $3,200.

The Iowa Society was my next driving visit on Saturday, June 18th. Iowa Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall, along with Assistant General Kenneth Callison, conducted the Iowa Society's first in-person luncheon meeting since the beginning of the pandemic. Thank you, Iowa members, for the gift bag and the monetary gift which will be used towards the repairs of the Mayflower Society House.

By the time you receive this edition of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, I will have visited the Idaho Mayflower Society. More news to come.

A transition of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* operation occurred at the close of the summer 2022 issue bringing the operational aspects of the magazine in-house. Our thanks to Andrew R. Whipple for his service as Editor-in-Chief. We welcome Della J. Regenold, past Governor of the Kansas Society and *MQM* copy editor, as Chair of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine (The MQM)*. Della will manage the magazine. Doug Blake, GSMD Marketing and Communications Manager, will serve as in-house Editor-in-Chief. We thank contributing historian, James W. Baker, and contributing genealogist, Dale H. Cook, for continuing their on-going support and contributions to *The MQM*. We also thank Beth Anderson-Godfrey of the Massachusetts Society for her continued assistance as proofreader and copy editor. The new Editorial Review Committee chaired by Della J. Regenold, includes Meg Averett, GSMD Secretary General, Susan Roser, Former GSMD Assistant Governor General, and Beth Anderson-Godfrey.

On June 25th I flew into Boston for the quarterly General Society in-person Executive Committee meeting in Plymouth. The business of the General Society was addressed, the 2023 budget adopted, and we enjoyed our time together in service. We visited the Mayflower Society House to see the repairs in progress, and Executive Director Mark Schmidt escorted us on a tour of the Michael Haywood art exhibit at the Meetinghouse. Campus improvements and repairs were visible.

I encourage you to browse the members-only section of the website, tune in for the virtual lecture series (live event links are posted on the website), join my quarterly webinars, and stay connected. Your attendance at your Member Society meetings and the GSMD annual meeting enables you to remain informed and up-to-date. Volunteer your time and your talents in honor of your Pilgrim ancestors. Make the General Society of Mayflower Descendants your charity of choice to continue the Mayflower Pilgrim story. We each have a gift to give – find your purpose in The Mayflower Society.

News from The Plymouth Office – Executive Director's Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK SCHMIDT

We love our commemorations and celebrations. One of the things we all missed most during the pandemic was the ability to properly observe so many things that go on in our lives - be it birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and other milestone events we would normally have shared with family and friends. Things were put on hold and we all were deprived of interactions and activities that we "normally" would have reveled in. As we know at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), and in the town of Plymouth, the calendar year 2020 was earmarked to commemorate and venerate the 400th Anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower.* Unfortunately, so many of those remembrances had to be postponed, canceled or were overlooked because of world events, as you so well know. We all just hoped we did not overlook something of significance in the interim.

In that vein: do you realize that GSMD is commemorating its 125th year of existence? Formed in 1897, the GSMD is now well into its second century. To put that into perspective, here is what happened in the year when the GSMD was formed:

- The word "computer" is first used in a publication, and it referred to a 'mechanical calculation device.'
- William McKinley is sworn in as the 25th President of the United States of America.
- John Philip Sousa's patriotic march *The Star-Spangled Banner* is performed for the first time.
- Bram Stoker's book *Dracula* is first published in London.
- The first patent for an automotive muffler is issued.
- Queen Victoria celebrates her Diamond Jubilee.
- The Klondike Gold Rush, made famous by author Jack London, begins.
- A new automobile called an Oldsmobile is produced for the first time.
- Thomas Edison gains a patent for a kinetoscope, the forerunner to the movie camera.
- The play *Cyrano de Bergerac* debuts in Paris.
- The comic strip *Katzenjammer Kids* debuts in New York City.
- Francis P. Church, the editor of the New York *Sun,* responds to a letter to the editor with an opening line, "*Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.*"

A lot has changed in 125 years, but I hope you can take a moment to celebrate just how long and how successful the General Society of Mayflower Descendants has been. There are more changes coming, and we are working to make the next 125 years even better than the first. The Mayflower Society House restoration is going on as you read this. We are working on improvements to our technology and processes to make your membership experience better. We have not been static and we hope never to be.

Thank you for being a part of GSMD, and a hearty round of applause for everyone who made the first 125 years so successful!

A Bevy of Activity at the Mayflower Meetinghouse

LEA SINCLAIR FILSON, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL PILGRIM MEMORIAL MEETINGHOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST

As we wind our way through summer, the Mayflower Meetinghouse (Meetinghouse) remains a bevy of activity. Final permits have been approved, and supplies and equipment ordered for the construction of a concrete slab behind the Meetinghouse upon which a giant (hidden) transformer will be installed to power our new Americans with Disabilities accessible elevator, the new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and other new power needs. I am hoping to show you finished photos of the progress this September at the General Board of Assistants Meeting in Minnesota.

Throughout all of the renovations, we have continued conducting both private and public tours. We are open to the public Friday through Sunday and open nearly every day for prearranged, private tours for individuals, members, prospective members, and Family Societies. Meetinghouse visitors between June and August included: forty-seven students from Vista Heights Middle School in California, a Mayflower group tour led by American Ancestors, The Duxbury Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Soule Kindred Reunion Tour, and one of our own General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) tours.

Recently, I met personally with Jane Schleinzer, a GSMD Member-at-Large and President of the National Society of New England Women (NSNEW), for a walk through the Meetinghouse and the final decisions on which Meetinghouse needs to which NSNEW would like to contribute and for which NSNEW would be recognized. One of President Schleinzer's choices was to claim the restoration of one of the ten bells in the belfry. The bells seem to be popular as four bells are committed so far at a donation of $15,000 each.

For those on a budget, we will have a trailing arbutus (Mayflower) vine along the inside of the Meetinghouse entrance. Donors contributing $150 may leave a name on a leaf, available in two sizes, which everyone will see as they enter the Meetinghouse.

I am also giving PowerPoint presentations all over the country, primarily by Zoom, to update interested, prospective donors about our important project. My most recent presentation was in-person to the Vermont Society and the New England Society Governors. I was breathless as I gazed through my car window at the beautiful Vermont scenery on my drive to the meeting.

If you are planning to make your way to Plymouth this summer, be sure to let GSMD know so we can show you the Mayflower Meetinghouse. An added treat is the Mike Haywood gallery downstairs with his original Mayflower maritime art. It is spectacular!

Finally, after my fall last March, I received get well cards from more of you than I can list here. I was deeply touched, and I thank you! I am all better now.

In Memoriam

Phyllis Marie Adler Hansen of Westfield, New Jersey, passed away on April 3, 2022, at the age of 94. Mrs. Hansen served the New Jersey Society as Historian from 1998 to 2014, and as Secretary from 1987 to 1999. She was a descendant of Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins, James Chilton, Thomas Rogers, Francis Eaton, Myles Standish, John Alden, William Brewster, Isaac Allerton, Richard Warren, John Howland and Edward Doty. Mrs. Hansen is survived by her children and grandchildren: Paul Hansen, Susan Hansen, Holly Hansen Confroy, Christopher Hansen, Matthew Webster Hansen, Allison Reed Hansen, Kelly Confroy Kemak, Nicole Marie Confroy Hooks, and Jessica Erin Confroy.

Katherine Ann Cullen King of Lake Frederick, Virginia, passed away on May 19, 2022, at the age of 71. Mrs. King served the District of Columbia Society as Secretary from 2009 to 2010. She was a descendant of Samuel Fuller and Myles Standish. Mrs. King is survived by her husband, Richard Leslie King; her daughter, Julia Josephine King; her son, Peter Haywood King; her brother, Frank Haywood; and her sister, Elizabeth Haynes Espinosa.

Walter Allen Read of Raymond, Maine, passed away on May 31, 2022, at the age of 84. Mr. Read served the Maine Society as Treasurer from 2009 to 2022. He was a descendant of James Chilton. Mr. Read is survived by his sons, Dennis (Stephanie) Read and Kevin Read; his daughter, Patricia Read; his granddaughter, Katie Hammett; his grandsons, Patrick Hammett and Walter L. Read; and his sister, Judith Elfring.

Mary Ellen McMahon Wright of Lake Forest, Illinois, passed away on June 9, 2022, at the age of 84. Mrs. Wright served the Illinois Society as its 34th Governor from 2001 to 2004. She was a descendant of Edward Fuller and William Brewster. Mrs. Wright is survived by her husband, John Eliot Wright; her daughters, Joanne Claypool Walla and Melissa Claypool Brohan; her grandson, Taylor Wagener; her granddaughter, Hollister Brohan; and her great-grandson, Everett Wagener.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants remembers those members who have served on the board of a Member Society or as a General Society officer. If a past or present officer of your Member Society has passed away, please complete the In Memoriam Form located in the Members Area of the GSMD website under Society Resources, and email to Secretary General Meg Averett at the following email address: **SecretaryGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org.**

The Ancient New England Standing Dish

ALEX CERVENAK

"But the Housewives manner is to slice them when ripe, and cut them into dice, and so fill a pot with them of two or three Gallons, and stew them upon a gentle fire a whole day, and as they sink, they fill again with fresh Pompions, not putting any liquor to them; and when it is stew'd enough, it will look like bak'd Apples; this they Dish, putting Butter to it, and a little Vinegar, (with some Spice, as Ginger, &c.) which makes it tart like an Apple, and so serve it up to be eaten with Fish or Flesh: It provokes Urin extreamly and is very windy."

John Josselyn
New-Englands Rarities Discovered

There are very few actual recipes that survive from early New England, but this account of stewed pompion (squash) is one of them. Only crab apples are native to the Americas, so the splash of vinegar in this recipe which gives the squash tartness would have been a welcome taste of home for early colonists.

Makes 2-3 servings

- 1.5 pounds of any fleshy squash, such as acorn, butternut or hubbard cut into chunks
- 1 cup water, more if necessary
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon salt

1. Add the chunks of squash and water into a medium pot. Bring to boil and then turn down to low and simmer covered.
2. Stir occasionally, and as pieces soften use your spoon to help break squash apart. If squash seems like it is sticking to the bottom of pot or in danger of burning, add more water as needed. Continue to simmer covered on low heat until squash is entirely softened and broken down, and water is evaporated, about 45 minutes.
3. Add spices, salt, vinegar and butter and stir to combine. Cook uncovered until butter is melted, about another 3-5 minutes. Serve warm.

A Sops of Onion

ALEX CERVENAK

"Take and slice your Onions, & put them in a frying panne with a dish or two of sweete butter, and frie them together, then take a little faire water and put into it salt and peper, and so frie them together a little more, then boile them in a lyttle Earthen pot, putting to it a lyttle water and sweet butter, & c. You may use Spinanage in like maner."

Thomas Dawson
The Second Part of the Good Hus-wives Jewell

Makes 6 servings

- 4 medium yellow onions
- 5 tablespoons salted butter
- 2 cups water
- 6 slices of crusty bread
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Remove the skin from your onions, and then thinly slice them into rounds.
2. In a deep frying pan (cast iron works best), melt 3 tablespoons of the butter on low heat. Once the butter is melted, add the sliced onions and a pinch of salt.
3. Continue cooking the onions on low heat for about 15-20 minutes, stirring them occasionally. Be patient – you want to cook the onions slowly until they soften fully and turn a golden color.
4. Once the onions have caramelized, add the water to the pan, scraping to remove any bits stuck to the bottom.
5. Simmer the onions and water on low heat for another 15 minutes, or until the liquid is reduced. The onion mixture should have thickened and become more sauce-like. Finish the mixture by adding in 1 tablespoon of the butter, and salt and pepper as desired.
6. While the onions simmer, make toasts in another frying pan. Melt half the remaining tablespoon of butter in the frying pan over medium heat, making sure the butter covers the whole bottom of the pan. Add 3 slices of bread and fry until crisp and golden brown, several minutes on each side. Depending on the size of your frying pan, you will probably need to make the toasts in batches – so once the first 3 slices are fried, remove them from the pan. Melt the remaining butter in the pan and repeat the process to toast all slices of bread.
7. Transfer all the toasts to a plate and pour the onions over the bread. You can eat the sops of onions alone, or top them with the meat of your choice.

The Best Pancake

ALEX CERVENAK

"To make the best pancake, take two or three eggs and break them into a dish, and beat them well; then add unto them a pretty quantity of fair running water. And beat all well together; then put in cloves, mace, cinnamon, and nutmeg, and season it with salt; which one, make it as thick as you think good with fine wheat flour; then fry the cakes as thin as may be with sweet butter, or sweet seam, and make them brown, and so serve them with sugar strewed upon them. There be some which mix pancakes with new milk or cream, but that makes them tough, cloying, and not crisp, pleasant and savoury as running water."

Gervase Markham
The English Housewife

Makes approximately 10-12 pancakes

- 6 large eggs
- 2 cups of water
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon ground mace
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 ½ cup all purpose flour
- 1 ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Sugar to taste

1. Break eggs into a bowl, add the water and beat together.
2. Add to the bowl the spices, flour, and salt. Whisk everything to combine.
3. Warm a cast-iron or nonstick frying pan on medium heat. Melt enough butter to cover the bottom of the pan (about ½ tablespoon). Save the rest of the butter to use as you fry the pancakes, adding butter to the pan as needed.
4. Pour about ⅓ cup of batter into the pan evenly. Cook until the pancake's edges are set and a spatula can go under the pancake easily without any sticking (about 2-4 minutes).
5. Flip the pancake. Cook for another 2-4 minutes, until the edges begin to curl and some bubbles appear.
6. Transfer to a plate and while the pancake is still warm, sprinkle with sugar.
7. Repeat until the batter is gone. Watch the temperature of your pan and lower the heat as needed to avoid burning the pancakes.

MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

AUSTRALIA

Highlights from the Australian Society

Guest speaker Derek Hall.

The Australian Society membership is growing. We welcomed the following six new members to our ranks since January 1: Ann Wilkerson, dual member with the Illinois Society; Margaret Patterson, dual member with the New York Society and her husband Terry Patterson, an associate member; Richard L. Shaw, a senior member and his partner Colin Stone, an associate member and Victoria A. Wells, a senior member.

Australian Society Deputy Governor Bill Ellott and his wife Chris attended the Eightieth Anniversary of the Battle of Coral Sea. The Australian Society bestowed a beautiful wreath in remembrance of the fallen.

Derek Hall, a Charter Member of the Australian Society, was the guest speaker at the Australian American Association Thanksgiving Dinner.

Battle of Coral Sea remembrance wreath.

ILLINOIS

The Illinois Society hosts Governor General Hurt

Illinois Society Governor Jessica Schleinzer with Governor General Jane Hurt.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois held its Spring Luncheon on May 21, 2022, at the Makray Memorial Golf Course in Barrington, Illinois. After a delicious lunch, Illinois Society Governor Jessica Schleinzer introduced the speaker, Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, who took the Illinois Society on a fascinating tour of The Mayflower Society's historic properties in Plymouth and described how her real estate background was helpful when episodes of old building crisis management were encountered. Thankfully, each building crisis has ended well with the necessary repairs and restoration being made.

In addition to sharing photos of the properties and the 2021 ceremony commemorating the First Thanksgiving, Governor General Hurt showed photos of staff members and outlined upcoming on-line and in-person events, especially the GSMD General Board of Assistants Meeting to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in September.

It was also very interesting to learn from the Governor General that the General Society has

The Illinois Society Board with Governor General Jane Hurt.

approved over 100,000 applications; the Governor General's medal is actually a "book" with leaves engraved with the names of all the Former Governors General; and the recently acquired and partially restored Meetinghouse will be dedicated as an Educational Center.

In conclusion, Governor General Hurt pointed out that 2022 is the 125th Anniversary of both the Illinois Society and the General Society. To commemorate the anniversaries and follow the General Society's Value Statement which includes a provision for "the preservation of historic properties," members were asked to support the preservation of the Mayflower Society's historic buildings.

INDIANA

Connecting In-Person and with Our Mayflower Ancestors

▲ Tom Botts at Rocky Nook.

At long last, the Indiana Society (ISMD) was able to hold an in-person gathering of thirty-four members and guests for our Spring Members Meeting and Luncheon held on April 23rd. The slogan, "Come and visit old friends again and meet new ones!" held special meaning as we met seven members who were attending their first ISMD meeting. We welcomed Kathleen Nave, Susan Gentry, Carol Sowle, Jamie Ginder, Chase Slaughter, Caralyn Clark and Charlene Brown. These seven members represent six different Mayflower ancestors, and each received an Indiana Mayflower pin.

Historian and Deputy Governor Dr. Laura Smith presented "*Visiting Plymouth to Commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving,*" which featured photos and videos of the celebration.

Tom Botts, Editor of the *Hoosier Mayflower* newsletter, shared "A Pilgrim Moment" in the latest issue. His "moment" was visiting, in proper Pilgrim attire, the home site of his ancestors, John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley at Rocky Nook!

Connecting in person, visiting Plymouth virtually and touching an ancestor's home...all highlights of our Indiana Mayflower spring!

KANSAS

Kansas Society Hosts Caleb Johnson

On May 15, 2022, the Kansas Society finally hosted its 2020 Compact Day speaker, Caleb Johnson, at its first in-person meeting since November of 2019. Mayflower expert and historian Johnson presented his latest findings on our Mayflower ancestors, sourced from England's church and civic records. He stated that even after 400 years there is still more information about our Pilgrim ancestors that can be gleaned, with more mysteries solved, from those historic records.

In other news, the Society welcomed seventeen new members and enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and cranberries. The meal was delicious even during the spring season of the year. Also, a rumor was heard during the meeting that Mary Brewster, one of only five adult women to survive the first winter, would travel from Plymouth to Kansas, to be the guest speaker for the November 6, 2022, Compact Day meeting. We invite all to join with our Society and take part in the November 6, 2022, Compact Day festivities. More information will be available on the Kansas Society website www.ksmayflower.org.

NEBRASKA

Governor General visits Nebraska Society

▲ From left to right Deputy Governor General Gretchen Harvey, Governor General Jane Hurt and Nebraska Governor Kathryn Morrissey in front of a building erected by Governor General Hurt's great uncle.

Hosting Governor General Jane Hurt was the highlight of the Nebraska Society's 2022 spring meeting. Shortly after arriving in Omaha, the Governor General visited a 1904 building erected by her great uncle, James Almon Howard. Howard, who arrived in the area in 1887, was a mayor and treasurer of the City of Benson prior to its annexation by Omaha. Governor General Hurt also visited the graves of Howard, his wife and daughter at nearby historic Prospect Hill Cemetery.

The Governor General participated in a silent auction fundraiser for the Nebraska Society's 1620 scholarship as well as giving a colorful presentation on preservation work at the Mayflower House. She received a photograph commemorating her stay from Nebraska Deputy Governor John Keller and a book on historic Benson from Deputy Governor General Gretchen and her husband, Bill Harvey.

OREGON

Investing in Our Members

When I became Governor of the Oregon Society in 2019, my first thought centered on how I could help the members in Oregon grow in their understanding of their Mayflower ancestor. Living so far away from the actual site where the *Mayflower* landed and established a colony, how could I possibly make it alive for them – particularly if they had never traveled to Massachusetts? In addition, Oregon, like other Societies, has had no problem with a surge of applicants since 2020, but keeping our new members has been the challenge. A wise older member advised me that "we need to give them a meeting that will be worth their time to attend." She was right. I began by surveying our membership to find out what kind of meeting our Society should plan in order to meet the needs of all our members and inspire them to grow in knowledge, to share their story with their family and community, and to make meaningful relationships with other Society members. I discovered that while our older members prefer meeting in a restaurant with a speaker, our younger members are more interested in personal interaction in a home where they can learn about Mayflower issues through electronic sources and well-done video presentations. While we are still in the process of addressing these membership issues, we have come up with some ideas that are being enthusiastically enjoyed among members and have kept our attendance growing. Here are a few of the things the Oregon Society does for its members:

NEW MEMBER PACKET – To educate our new members about their ancestor, each receives a small eight-page booklet about their Mayflower ancestor which fits nicely inside a personal note welcoming new members into our Society. The note is written on special cards that feature Mayflower artwork from various sources including notecards from the GSMD website **https://themayflowersociety.org/product-category/gen-merch/writing-accessories.**

A MONTHLY NEWSBLAST – A short, two- or three-page newsletter with minimal text and beautiful graphics featuring the latest member opportunities from GSMD lectures, to webinars, to new published books and with a calendar of events for that month only. It also includes one or two paragraphs of Mayflower history. Members have written to say they are inspired, or attended a webinar, or read a great book.

COUSINS COFFEE ZOOM MEETINGS – We also created our quarterly Zoom "Cousins Coffee" where members are invited to bring a mug of their favorite beverage and meet for an hour to discuss a fun question like, "How did you find out about your Mayflower ancestor?" We usually have twenty-five to thirty members attend online and this has been one way our new members have met other members. We have a geographically large state, so this has solved travel problems for people who can't always get to a Member Society meeting. And the Coffees are fun!

PERSONAL ITEM TO INSPIRE PRIDE – I made it a goal to put something physical and personal, even if small, in each member's hands at every meeting. These items have included special bookmarks (some handmade, some from GSMD), a member decorated cookie, ornament, engraved pencil, chocolate pilgrim or ship, handmade candles with their ancestor's name, and even scallop shells that I found online from beaches on Cape Cod. Something they can touch that says "You are connected to the *Mayflower*!"

MENTOR A COUSIN – When I became a member, I was mentored by a Brewster cousin who decided I could use some help learning Brewster history. Every meeting he brought me new information about the Brewster family. I loved it! His investment in me was dear and is part of the reason I wanted to go to meetings.

MAKING YOUR FAMILY'S MAYFLOWER NOTEBOOK – The "Mayflower Family Notebook" project is a simple three ring binder for members to keep information on their ancestor. The Oregon Society put a basic notebook together that includes the passenger profile from the GSMD website, a copy of the Compact, clear sheet holders for Mayflower certificates and travel brochures from the Massachusetts area featuring where the member's ancestor tread. The good news is that it doesn't necessarily take a lot of dollars to invest in members. It takes personal heart, interest, your own God given talents and **TIME**. . . and that time invested can be a few minutes, an hour, or even longer. And it takes effort in your life where maybe nobody sees your work, but it comes back in so much interest and growth.

SOUTH CAROLINA

"The Voyage of Hope – 1620" Quilt

▲ The Voyage of Hope-1620 Quilt.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina said farewell to "The Voyage of Hope – 1620" Quilt during their Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon held this April in lovely Aiken, South Carolina. The quilt was then launched on a journey from the east coast to the west coast.

The South Carolina and California Societies had adjacent booths at the 2021 General Board of Assistants Meeting in Plymouth. South Carolina Governor Melana Maxie noticed the California Society was giving away their remaining 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade T-shirts and accepting donations.

As a quilter, Governor Maxie is always looking for a new challenge, so she volunteered to make the California Society a T-Shirt quilt which they might raffle or auction as a fundraiser.

The Tournament of Roses Parade float was titled "The Voyage of Hope – 1620" and the quilt is named accordingly.

The gray represents the stormy skies the *Mayflower* and her passengers traveled under during the perilous journey. The blue represents the treacherous seas that the *Mayflower* sailed through to reach the New World. The pink represents the *Mayflower.*

It was hard for Governor Maxie to decide what to do with the same T-shirt over and over, but she eventually came up with the design shown. She claimed she spent more time thinking about how to make the quilt than actually making it! The quilted stitch design is "Hawthorne," which is fitting because in England the English Hawthorne is known as the "Mayflower." There are over 170,000 stitches in the quilting alone. The backing of the quilt uses a luscious fabric called 'Minky.' It is soft and velvety to the touch. The print has little flowers resembling Mayflowers. The multicolored flowers bring in all the colors of the quilt and T-shirts.

The South Carolina Society hopes the California Society can find a use for "The Voyage of Hope – 1620" Quilt. It will surely bring happiness to the lucky person who receives it and can enjoy snuggling under its cuddly warmth for many years.

UTAH

Fall 2021 Banquet

▲ Fall Banquet. Note the scale model *Mayflower* on the right.

The Utah Society held its Fall Banquet at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building on November 11, 2021, to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. We welcomed many new members and were able to take care of important business including installing a new Utah Society Governor and Captain.

We were happy to have guests from the Colonial Heritage Foundation: Dewitt Smith, who portrayed 2nd Mate Robert Coppin; Pam Allen, portraying passenger Susanna White Winslow; and Dalane England, who curated the Mayflower voyage. We also had visual "props," including pieces of a ship's rigging, a ship's bell, some of the materials the *Mayflower* was made of, and of course, the ¾"=1' scale model of the *Mayflower* itself (6 feet long, 3 feet wide and 8 feet

tall). It is the largest known model, with hull cut-outs so you can see inside her, and with as much technical accuracy as any museum piece.

We had a moment of silence for those members we lost during the past couple of years and for those lost due to COVID-19.

We want to thank everyone who made this banquet possible!

Spring 2022 Banquet

The Utah Society held its Spring Banquet on May 12, 2022, with more than 100 members in attendance. Special guest speaker Clark Hinckley, a member of the Utah Society, is an independent researcher and author with expertise on Christopher Columbus and related events, as well as with early Utah pioneer history. He spoke about many events of the Mayflower voyage, the settlement and history of Plymouth Colony, and about Thomas Hinckley, the last governor who served. A beautiful evening was spent with Mayflower cousins. Two officers were installed: Eileen Johnson, Treasurer and Jill Dewsnup, Secretary. A special reading of the Mayflower Compact was given by David Wilkinson and the Roll Call of Passengers was given by our Historian Kevan Barton. We want to thank everyone who has contributed and served in the Utah Society.

VERMONT

Vermont Society and New England Governors Meet

The Vermont Society held its 96th semi-annual meeting at the Historic Red Schoolhouse in Randolph Center, Vermont, on June 18, 2022. We were pleased to introduce Andrew Whipple, one of our new members. Our scheduled guest speaker, Bonnie Wade Mucia, was delayed in an airport due to weather, but we were fortunate to have Lea Filson, Massachusetts Governor and Former Governor General, agree at the last minute to give a very informative and interesting update on the progress at the Mayflower Meetinghouse.

▲ The New England Governors meeting.

The New England Governors met after the Vermont meeting. Those present were Carla Rigby from Maine, Penny Webster from New Hampshire, Gregory Thompson from Connecticut, Lea Filson from Massachusetts, Peg Sherlock from Vermont, and past Governors Mary Brown from Connecticut, and Randy Roberts, Kathleen Barrett, and Carolyn Adams from Vermont.

WASHINGTON

Washington State Society Awards Scholarship

▲ (Left to right) Tom Brown, Max Smee and Ken White.

On May 20, 2022, the Washington State Society of Mayflower Descendants awarded a $1,620 scholarship to Max Smee, a Running Start student at Kalama High School in Kalama, Washington. We invited all high school juniors and seniors around the state to apply for our 'Letter Home' scholarship and Max was one of many high school students who applied.

Each 'Letter Home' scholarship application is in the form of a letter written from the perspective of a Mayflower Pilgrim to a friend back home in England or Leiden. The letter has to include five historically significant events in chronological order that occurred during the colony's first seven years and is judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

Max wrote a fascinating letter from Myles Standish's point of view. "It was really exciting to grant the first scholarship," said Tom Brown, our Society's Education Committee Chairman.

Our Society actively promotes education and we are excited to be able to achieve one of our goals by awarding this scholarship to Max. Congratulations Max!

Congratulations to the 2022 GSMD Scholarship Winners

LORRIE LINK, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR AND GSMD MEMBER-AT-LARGE

First Place
Winner $6,000

BRIANA HOWARD

Briana Howard is from Saddle River, New Jersey, and graduated from the Academy for Medical Science Technology at the Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, New Jersey. She is a student at Harvard College this fall where she is studying Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology with future plans of becoming a pediatrician. Aside from exploring her passion for medicine via lab research on neuroblastoma and a pediatrics internship at Hackensack University Medical Center, Briana enjoys all forms of music – listening, playing piano, singing and composing – in addition to tennis, travel, and photography. Briana descends from John Alden.

Second Place
Winner $5,000

NATHANIEL KERR

Nathaniel Kerr is from Plymouth, Massachusetts, and graduated from Plymouth North High School. He is a student at Indiana University Bloomington this fall where he is studying accounting and finance at the Kelley School of Business. In addition to maintaining a high GPA and level of academic excellence, Nathaniel's high school extracurricular activities included playing soccer and varsity tennis, winning district and state awards at National History Day, serving as vice president of the National Honor Society, and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. Nathaniel descends from Francis Cooke.

Third Place
Winner $4,000

CAMMI GRIFFITH

Cammi Griffith is from Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated from Westminster School at Oak Mountain, Alabama. She is a student at Auburn University this fall majoring in Biomedical Science with a long-term goal of attending medical school and becoming a pediatrician. In addition to excelling at her academic work during high school, Cammi enjoyed serving as captain of the track and cross-country teams, being a member of National Honor Society, serving as the yearbook editor, being active in student government, volunteering as a Junior Interpreter at American Village and being a member of the Children of the American Revolution. Cammi descends from Miles Standish.

Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship Award $3,000

ARWEN ERIN LYONS

Arwen Erin Lyons is from Fort Collins, Colorado, and graduated from the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Poudre High School in Fort Collins, Colorado, where she was awarded the IB Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) Award for her outstanding efforts in engaging in active, creative and service-oriented challenges and experiences. She is a student at the University of Wisconsin Madison this fall majoring in political science with plans to attend law school. Arwen, a tuba player, also plans to audition for the University of Wisconsin-Madison marching band. In addition to her exceptional academic work during high school, Arwen's many extracurricular high school activities included being a member of the National Honor Society, lettering all four years in both varsity cross-country and track, competing in speech and debate, competing in extemporaneous speaking, participating in Congress, and program oral interpretation (POI), and she enjoys traveling. Arwen descends from Isaac Allerton.

BRIANA HOWARD'S 1ST PRIZE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY:

Essay Part 1 Historical: Describe what some historians call the corn stealing act the Pilgrims were involved in when they were starving. When and why did they take the Nausets corn? How/when did they repay them? What was the relationship with the Plymouth Colony and Native Americans before and after repayment? How does this action compare to the integrity of the Pilgrim survivors?

The *Mayflower* arrived near Plymouth Rock in November 1620 after an arduous 66-day voyage from England. The original intention was to establish a colony in Virginia but, due to rough seas, the *Mayflower* was forced to anchor in present-day Cape Cod.

After exploring the area for the next month and a half, the Pilgrims discovered buried corn in an empty village belonging to the Nausets. The Nausets had moved inland for the winter, leaving corn behind as seed for a future summer harvest. The Pilgrims, who needed food, collected the corn, eventually "stealing" fourteen bushels (Four String Farm 6). Their understood intention was to grow more and ultimately replace what they had taken.

Superficially, the stealing of the corn reflects negatively on the Pilgrims. However, the context must be considered. After a difficult voyage, the Pilgrims were concerned about their food supply as they approached winter. Whether it was desperation or calculated risk, the Pilgrims availed themselves of the newfound corn.

The real merits of the Pilgrims should be tested by the actions they took to repay the "favor," rather than their decision to "steal" the corn. The Nausets were skeptical of the Pilgrims' arrival, especially given their previous interaction with Europeans six years earlier, when Englishman Thomas Hunt abducted twenty Nausets to sell into slavery (Four String Farm 9). The arrival of women and children also cast an aura of permanence on the Pilgrims ' intentions (Bragg 22). The Pilgrims did not help when they defiled some Nauset graves and had a skirmish resulting in an exchange of arrows and gunshots.

These events reflect the tension between the Nausets and the Pilgrims at the time of the corn stealing incident. Fortunately, the Pilgrims repaid the Nausets. The two communities soon established a trading relationship and, more importantly, a lasting friendship. Furthermore, other tribes heard of the Pilgrims' decision to repay their debt, helping to legitimize them as honorable people.

The positive perception solidified a peaceful foundation that lasted for fifty years. Their integrity was also reinforced by their trading arrangements with the Wampanoags. Eventually, these relationships led to the arrival of Squanto and Samoset, who helped teach the Pilgrims the proper way to grow corn. The Pilgrims repaid the favor in the fall of 1621 by sharing their harvest with around ninety Wampanoags - an event we commemorate as the first Thanksgiving.

While the Pilgrims' decision to steal the corn was inappropriate, they made up for their mistake demonstrating the integrity which helped establish strong relations with multiple Native American tribes. Ironically, our present-day perceptions of the Pilgrims and the cultural foundation of our current Thanksgiving holiday may never have come to fruition if not for their decision to "steal" the Nausets' corn.

Essay Part 2 Present-day Societies. Briefly describe The Five Kernels of Corn legend and why this is an important memory to the descendants of the Pilgrim Colony? What changes were made following this period? How was their food grown and divided amongst the Pilgrims? And what changes did the Pilgrims enact to increase the supply of food?

How does memorializing this historic act stir up different versions of who the Pilgrims were? How is that viewed in current US culture?

William Bradford's *Of Plymouth Plantation* discusses how half of the Pilgrims died during their first winter (Bradford 77). Subsequent years remained difficult with the story going that one winter there was such a dearth of food that the Pilgrims survived on only five kernels of corn per day. While this story may have been exaggerated, their challenges were real.

A tradition emerged to commemorate the plights of these early Pilgrims wherein five kernels of corn are placed on a plate at Thanksgiving. Each person holds the kernels and discusses five things for which they are thankful, helping us appreciate the struggles of our early ancestors and the bountiful food to be eaten at Thanksgiving.

The Five Kernels of Corn illustrate the problems the Pilgrims had with food. With the arrival of Squanto and Samoset, the Pilgrims learned better ways to grow corn and other commodities, as well as where to fish (Bradford 85). They then brokered peace with the Wampanoag Sachem, Massasoit, providing much-needed mutual assistance.

In *The Mayflower Destiny,* Cyril Leek Marshall provides insights on the Pilgrims' food supplies. They initially ate anything they found, but they learned a tremendous amount from the Wampanoags and, eventually, traded for food and furs in exchange for trinkets. The Wampanoags had superior ways of finding food.

Whether it be how the Wampanoags used their arrows, trapped animals, fished, or preserved food, the Pilgrims found themselves dependent on their counterparts (Marshall 142-149).

Initially, the Pilgrims used a Communist approach for survival, having everyone play an assigned role with all food shared across the community. While the intentions were good, the outcome led to distrust and inefficient allocation of resources *(Hughes* 9). Therefore, in 1623, the Pilgrims decided to leave everyone responsible for their own land (Marshall 171). The benefit of this approach was shared learning across them, which accelerated their knowledge.

Eventually, the Pilgrims brought cattle in 1624 providing meat and dairy. By 1625, they built more boats allowing travel to other colonies for trade. With the arrival of horses, pigs, and more settlers, the community soon found itself on solid footing (Marshall 163).

The memorialization of this historic act has created different perspectives of the Pilgrims. From one perspective, they lacked the necessary food and, as a result, misappropriated the land and resources of the Native Americans. As with other inglorious periods of American history, they used weapons to coerce support from indigenous tribes without whom they certainly would have perished. Even Squanto and Samoset, who assisted them tremendously, had been previously enslaved by the English.

On the other hand, the Pilgrims laid the foundation for America. While their actions were questionable, they were a melting pot - many Mayflower passengers were not even Pilgrims! They had come from England after many years in Holland. They found themselves in a New World with no government and built one of the earliest democracies via The Mayflower Compact. Their arrival was not welcome. They had insufficient food, lacked necessary survival skills, and quickly lost half of their passengers. Yet, when offered an opportunity to return to England in 1621, they stayed. They learned from their mistakes, established themselves as trustworthy, and developed alliances. Against all odds, they persevered and laid the foundation not only for the Massachusetts Bay Colony but for all of America.

Editor's Note: *This is part one and two of Briana's three-part scholarship essay.*

Teddy Bear Tea

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK SCHMIDT

On Sunday, June 26, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Eastern time, The Mayflower Society hosted its inaugural "Teddy Bear Tea." Twenty-six children, aged ten and younger, along with their adult guardians, were in attendance that afternoon. Overseen by three volunteer retired teachers Doreen Schmidt, Susan Page and Secretary General Meg Averett, with assistance from college students Emma Lavin and Abbie Churchill, the children were able to build their own teddy bear, dress it in a T-shirt that they could design, create a 'birth certificate' and then take it home. They played games, ate snacks, sang songs and generally enjoyed the campus of The Mayflower Society on a beautiful summer day. Among the attendees were three junior members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and seven full members. Attendees traveled to Plymouth from multiple states.

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2022 GSMD European "Path of the Pilgrims" Heritage Tour

LORRIE LINK, GSMD MEMBER-AT-LARGE

▲ Left to right, top to bottom: group waiting across the street from the Leiden Pilgrim Museum; tour group viewing Leiden Pilgrim Museum; original beams and brick in Scrooby Manor; tour group with the Harwich Town Crier. Harwich is the home of Christopher Jones and the beginnings of the *Mayflower* ship and crew; tour group posing near Scrooby Manor.

On Monday, May 30th, thirty-three General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) members, including Governor General Jane Hurt, Historic Sites Chair Lisa Shoemaker and I, embarked on a thirteen-day GSMD European "Path of the Pilgrims" Heritage Tour tracing the lives of our Pilgrim ancestors in the Netherlands and England.

We traveled by plane, bus and boat to see historic homes, churches, buildings, cities and the surrounding areas that highlighted our ancestors' journey across England, into the Netherlands, and then back into England before they left for the New World.

During our journey, I took over 2,000 photographs, and while it is all a blur now, I am able to retrace our journey through photographs so that I will never forget where we traveled and neither will my fellow travelers. While it is difficult to imagine thirteen days being enough time to see where our Pilgrim ancestors traveled and lived, scholars have spent years researching them, trying to uncover new information, and local historians continue working to keep their history alive. I feel that we just touched on their journey.

Scrooby Manor was of special interest to us because visitors are allowed to see only the outside of the Manor and the surrounding grounds. We had the opportunity and honor to tour the inside of Scrooby Manor. Afterwards, I spoke briefly with a local man standing in front of his nearby quintessential English cottage. He said that he was grateful for our visit and that his community also honors the history of the *Mayflower*.

Our GSMD European "Path of the Pilgrims" Heritage Tour was an enlightening, memorable experience with shared comradery with other Mayflower descendants that my fellow travelers and I will always cherish.

Governor General Hurt offers her heartfelt gratitude to Rowena Drinkhouse of Mayflower400 Tours for the generous GSMD donation of $3,200.

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After the *Mayflower*: Part Three of a Three Part Series

W. BECKET SOULE

The *Little James* and the *Anne* (1623)

In the spring of 1623, about ninety passengers embarked in two small ships sailing from London to the Plymouth Colony. These vessels were the 140-ton supply ship *Anne* and the smaller, new 44-ton pinnace *Little James*, which had been outfitted for military service. They were financed by Thomas Weston's investment group, the Merchant Adventurers, the same group that had financed the *Mayflower* in 1620 and the *Fortune* in 1621. After a three-month voyage, during which the ships were separated during a storm, the *Anne* arrived in Plymouth on 10 July 1623 and the *Little James* a week or ten days later. After this voyage, the *Anne* was to return to its regular cargo work, and the *Little James* was to remain in New England for the fishing, cargo and military service of the colony. Such, at least, was the plan.

I. The *Little James*

The *Little James* had two young men in charge – John Bridges, a master mariner, and a novice captain, Emmanuel Altham, a Merchant Adventurer.[1] When the crew of the *Little James* signed on for the voyage, they agreed to spend six years in the Plymouth Colony, but as shareholders instead of wage earners. They expected to make money by receiving a share of the ship's profits from fishing and trading, with the ship's investors paying for the crew's food, drink and clothing.[2]

The armament of the *Little James* was six small cannons with a bore of two inches which could fire a ball of a few pounds' weight. Her men had six muskets, and because the ship was armed, the crew believed they had a chance to take prize ships of enemy nations, such as France or Spain, as far south as the West Indies. But the crew was disappointed to find, that under admiralty law, prizes could be taken only if the ship had letters of marque issued by the Crown, and the *Little James* had none. While enroute from England to Plymouth, Captain Altham refused to capture a French ship sailing home to La Rochelle in France, a decision which caused much annoyance.[3]

On board the *Little James* were two difficult crewmen – a gunner named William Stephens (or Stevens) and a carpenter named Thomas Fell, both of whom knew how badly the ship needed their services. After arriving at Plymouth Colony and seeing the shabby state of the colony and condition of the colonists – some working and others just lazing around – the crew believed that they had been duped. Stephens and Fell promptly led the crew on strike in a demand for an interim payment of cash. William Bradford managed to calm them down, but only after he offered personally to pay them himself.[4]

Working on the coast of New England, the *Little James* had two major problems – first, the investment company (the Merchant Adventurers) had neglected to provide the ship with any trade goods, making it almost impossible to obtain any prime furs to ship to England, since they had nothing to offer in return. Second, the ship was "rudely manned" by a crew which was not happy with their financial situation of being paid in company shares rather than in true wages.[5]

In the spring of 1624, Altham took the *Little James* east to Maine with a sullen, hungry and mutinous crew. While anchored at Pemaquid on a fishing and trading expedition, the crew mutinied and threatened Altham and master Bridges with the destruction of the ship. The crew forced Altham to go back to Plymouth by small boat to find food. With the help of Edward Winslow, Altham rushed back to Pemaquid with some bread and peas, and was within a day's sail of reaching the *Little James* when he found that a storm had disabled the ship in the harbor at Damariscove Island (now in Maine) where some English seamen maintained a small fishing station.[6]

On the night of 10 April 1624, during another storm, the ship lost the grip of her anchors on the sea-floor once again when wind and waves forced her to crash onto rocks and topple over. As the ship went over, two large holes were opened in her structure, drowning master John Bridges in the wreck and killing two crewmen, John Vow and Peter Morrett, when their escape boat capsized and was struck by the *Little James*' falling mainyard.[7]

Again, Stephens and Fell mutinied and refused to help save the ship. Fortunately, the masters of several ships in port at Damariscove were available to inspect the *Little James* wreck and found she was fit for salvage. They contacted William Bradford, offering to salvage the ship if the Colony would meet their bill in beaver skins. Bradford sent the furs and work began with ship's carpenters and coopers making great water-tight barrels which were tied to the *Little James* and, with that help, the ship, with rising waters, was lifted off the rocks. All hands worked to haul the ship to a secure location where craftsmen made repairs at great expense to the Company.[8]

Within six weeks of the shipwreck, the *Little James* was again seaworthy. By this time, however, the Merchant Adventurers had become thoroughly frustrated by the misadventures of the *Little James* which had been quite costly to repair, instead of making a good profit as was intended. At this point, William Bradford decided to send the ship and its crew back to England.[9]

The wreck had been a tragedy not only for the ship, but also for her captain. In the wreck, the ship had lost her four small boats, very important for doing coastal trading business, as well as her salt, codfish and all her supplies and trading goods. Captain Altham lost all his precious books and most of his belongings.[10]

The *Little James* had been built by the Merchant Adventurers to stay in New England, and could have been a great boon to the colonists, but it was plagued by bad fortune, a mutinous crew, a shipwreck, and seizure by creditors in England after it was salvaged.[11]

By the trading season of 1625, the *Little James* was again sailing the Atlantic in support of Plymouth Colony, investors having sent her and another ship over to fish for cod. At that time, the Colony had debts in excess of £1300, and to settle these debts, they needed to ship 3,000 beaver pelts to England, a quantity far beyond their ability to collect. But the Colony did arrange for the *Little James* to transport about 500 beaver furs back to England to assist in paying its debts. But in the continuing ill-fortune for the *Little James*, the cargo never reached its intended English port. Somewhere in the English Channel, "almost within sight of Plymouth," the *Little James* was captured by pirates with all her cargo taken and with the valuable beaver pelts being sold cheaply for four pence each in the North African Barbary pirate bazaars of French Morocco, "where the master and the men were made slaves."[12]

II. The *Anne*

The *Anne* was a supply ship of about 140 tons displacement which was used, along with the *Little James*, to deliver a large contingent of new settlers to Plymouth Colony. As a point of comparison, the *Mayflower* was 180 tons displacement. The *Anne* was the larger of the two ships and most of the passengers travelled in her. The *Anne*'s master was William Peirce of London; he was a member of the Merchant Adventurers investment group and had made many trans-Atlantic voyages. William Bradford gave the date of the arrival of the *Anne* at Plymouth as 10 July 1623; the *Little James*' arrival was "about a week or so after [when] came in the pinnace which, in foul weather, they lost at sea."[13] Caleb Johnson calculated that the *Little James* arrived in Plymouth on 5 August 1623.[14] Soon after arrival, the crew of the *Anne* went to work loading cargo of whatever timber and beaver skins could be provided as cargo and sailed straight back across the Atlantic to home on 10 September 1623, carrying Edward Winslow on the first of several voyages back to England.[15]

III. The Passengers

According to Bradford's later recollection, sixty persons - men, women and children - were on the two ships the *Anne* and the *Little James* combined, although in reality the number of passengers was much more than that. There are no separate passenger lists for the *Anne* and for the *Little James*, as those who came over on these ships were grouped together in official records when the 1623 division of land was made for them. But author Charles Banks did identify at least four men, three with families, who were passengers in the *Little James*. Banks went on to state that it is possible that the *Little James* had more passengers, but due to her size could not accommodate many.[16]

Bradford states that some of the new settlers were useful persons and became "good members to the body"; some being the wives and children of men already in Plymouth, some since the *Fortune* came over in 1621. But Bradford also wrote about those arrivals who were unfit for such a hardship settlement: "And some were so bad, as they were fain to be at

charge to send them home again next year."[17] And the state of the passengers is relayed in an apologetic letter sent by Robert Cushman, former Leiden agent in London, to Bradford: "It grieveth me to see so weak a company sent you, and yet had I not been here they had been weaker. ... We are not any way so much in danger as by corrupt and naughty persons. Such and such came without my consent: but the importunity of their friends got promise of our Treasurer in my absence."[18]

From these statements it is evident that many of the first arrivals disappeared from Plymouth after a few years of experiencing that hardship existence. Many of the emigrants on the *Anne* and the *Little James* would eventually be sent back to England as unfit for the task of living and working in a harsh colonial environment.[19]

Although English ships bringing new settlers did not start coming out until the *Anne* and the *Little James* arrived in the summer of 1623, Plymouth Colony was not entirely isolated. English fishing boats and some ships financed by colonization ventures did call at the colony from time to time. Edward Winslow recorded that in June or July 1622 two ships, the *Charitie* and the *Swan*, financed by Thomas Weston, came into Plymouth Harbour. The ships carried about fifty or sixty colonists, but were scheduled to settle in areas outside Plymouth. The ship *Discovery*, on a 1622 voyage from Virginia to England, made a short visit at Plymouth: passenger John Pory, a Jamestown official, wrote an extensive letter in praise of the colony.[20]

As the years went by, more English fishing boats came to the New England coast. In 1624 Captain John Smith reported, "There hath been a fishing this yeere upon the Coast about 50 English ships."[21]

Passengers on the *Anne*

1. Anthony Annable
2. Jane Annable (wife) d. 1643
3. Hannah Annable (daughter)
4. Sarah Annable (daughter)
5. Edward Bangs
6. (Mrs.) ___ Bangs - possibly died before 1627
7. (child) Bangs
8. (child) Bangs
9. Robert Bartlett - cooper (barrel maker)
10. Mary Beckett/Buckett - later married *Mayflower* passenger George Soule
11. Fear Brewster - daughter of William Brewster, from Leiden
12. Patience Brewster - daughter of William Brewster, from Leiden
13. Thomas Clarke - son of John and Mary (Morton) Clarke
14. Christopher Conant
15. (Mrs.) Hester (Mayhieu) Cooke - wife of *Mayflower* passenger Francis Cooke
16. Jacob Cooke (son)
17. Jane Cooke (daughter)
18. Anthony Dix (Dixe) - mariner.
19. John Faunce
20. (Mrs) Elizabeth Flavell - wife of Thomas Flavell, who had come with an unnamed son on *Fortune*.
21. Edmund Flood
22. (Mrs.) Bridget (Lee) Fuller - 3rd wife of Samuel Fuller, a *Mayflower* passenger in 1620.
23. Godbert Godbertson (also known as Cuthbert Cuthbertson) - hat maker from Leiden.
24. Sarah Godbertson (wife) - died in 1633 epidemic.
25. Samuel Godbertson (son) - also known as Samuel Cuthbertson or Cuthbert.
26. Timothy Hatherley - London Merchant Adventurer and felt-maker.
27. William Heard
28. Lydia Hicks - daughter of Robert and Margaret Hicks
29. Margaret Hicks (Hix) - (wife of Robert Hicks)
30. Samuel Hicks - (son of Robert and Margaret)
31. (Mrs.) ___ Hilton (wife of William Hilton)
32. Mary Hilton (daughter of William Hilton)
33. William Hilton (Jr.) (son of William Hilton)
34. Edward Holman
35. Manassah (Manasseh)
36. Robert Long
37. Experience Mitchell
38. Thomas Morton Junior - son of Thomas Morton who came on *Fortune*, nephew of George Morton, passenger on *Little James*.
39. (Mrs.) Ellen (Elinor) Newton
40. John Oldham
41. (Mrs.) John Oldham (wife).

Passengers on the *Little James*

1. William Bridges – possible kinsman of John Bridges, master of *Little James*; a son-in-law of John Oldham, married to his daughter Mary Oldham; stated in a petition he came over with his father-in-law in 1623
2. Edward Burcher - received two shares in the 1623 land division for himself and wife; not in 1627 cattle division.
3. (Mrs.) ___ Burcher
4. John Jenney – cooper (barrel maker) on *Little James*. Arrived on the *Little James* with wife Sarah and children Samuel, Abigail, and Sarah. Son Samuel was born on the ship. Altham wrote that "Good wife Jennings was brought abed of a son aboard our ship." And: "was delivered of a child in the Ship a month before we cam [*sic*] a shore and both are well yet, God be praised."
5. Sarah Jenney (wife) – she was Sarah Carey of Monk Soham, Suffolk. Married 1613 in Leiden.
6. Abigail Jenney (daughter)
7. Samuel Jenney (born on board *Little James*)
8. Sarah Jenney (daughter)
9. George Morton – author (with William Bradford and Edward Winslow) of *Mourt's Relations*, a manuscript from the earliest colony days, published in England in 1622. Morton was from York or Nottinghamshire He married Juliann Carpenter, then twenty-five, in Leiden in 1612.
10. Juliann (Carpenter) Morton – after husband's death in 1624 she married "Manasseh" Kempton. In 1627 Division of the Cattle, she and her second husband are listed along with the five Morton children. Other writers report her name as Juliana or Julian.
11. Nathaniel Morton (age ten) - became secretary (clerk) of the Plymouth General Court. married Lydia Cooper, sister of John Cooper, husband of his aunt Priscilla (Carpenter) Wright Cooper.
12. Patience Morton (age eight). married John Faunce, *Anne* passenger.
13. John Morton (son) aged six.
14. Sarah Morton (age three) - later married William Dennis
15. Ephraim Morton (infant) – later married Ann Cooper, daughter of his aunt Priscilla (Carpenter) Wright Cooper

1 "In 1623, the expert in charge of sailing a ship was her 'master,' and if there was a captain, he had command over the military and mercantile affairs of the voyage." Sydney V. James, ed., *Three Visitors to Early Plymouth* (Bedford, MA: Applewood Books, 1997), 21.

2 Charles Edward Banks, *The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers* (New York, 1929), 135; Nick Bunker, *Making Haste from Babylon* (New York: Knopf, 2010), 336; Eugene Aubrey Stratton, *Plymouth Colony: Its History and People, 1620-1691* (Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing 1986), 24.

3 The description of the *Little James*' armament, anchors, rigging, etc. is given in testimony before the High Court of Admiralty in 1624: HCA 24/81/120. National Archives [UK], Kew. Concerning the French ship, see Altham's letter to James Sherley, treasurer of the Merchant Adventurers, of May 1624, *Three Visitors*, 48-9. Not that they were averse to acting this way, for Altham adds, "I will assure you and all the Company that if you will but get a letter of [marque] and a safe protection from His Majesty of England for taking of Frenchmen on Newfoundland Bank, you might easily with this pinnace take and leave what ships you list. For we had sight of twenty sail of Frenchmen at one time, and I believe never a one had any ordnance."

4 Johnson, "Troubles with the *Little James*," MQ 77 (Mar 2011): 51. As Johnson points out, since the colony was surviving on borrowed money, this pushed the colony even further into debt.

5 Johnson, "Troubles with the *Little James*," MQ 77 (Mar 2011): 51.

6 Bunker, Babylon, 336-7; Stratton, *Plymouth Colony*, 35; Johnson, "Troubles with the *Little James*," MQ 77 (Mar 2011): 51-52. The harbor at Damariscove usually gave ships good protection in rough weather.

7 *Three Visitors*, 44; Johnson, "Troubles with the *Little James*," MQ 77 (Mar 2011): 52, 55n.

8 Bunker, *Babylon*, 337.

9 Letters of John Bridges and Emmanuel Altham, *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society* 44 (1910-11), 178-89; William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation*, ed. Morison (New York: Knopf, 1952), 163.

10 Altham to Sherley, May 1624: *Three Visitors*, 45.

11 See Johnson, "Trouble with the Little James," MQ 77 (Mar 2011), 52-54, including a transcription of two depositions made by Edward Winslow in the Admiralty Court hearing.

12 Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation* (Morison ed.), 176; Bunker, *Babylon*, 349.

13 Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation* (Morison ed.), 127.

14 Johnson, "Troubles with the Little James," MQ 77 (Mar 2011), 51, 54n.

15 *Three Visitors*, 23n.

16 Banks, *English Homes*, 169-73; Stratton, *Plymouth*, 24.

17 Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation* (Morison ed.), 127.

18 Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation* (Morison ed.), 128.

19 Banks, *English Homes*, 135-6; Stratton, *Plymouth Colony*, 24.

20 For Pory's letter, see *Three Visitors*, 5-18. See also Altham's assessment: *Three Visitors*, 36-7.

21 Stratton, Plymouth Colony, 22, 23, 27 quoting "Smith's General History" *Pilgrim Notes and Queries* 3 (1915): 124-5. Altham claimed that 400 ships a year visited (*Three Visitors*, 25), which, Bunker opines, is too large by a factor of 10 (Bunker, *Babylon*, 334).

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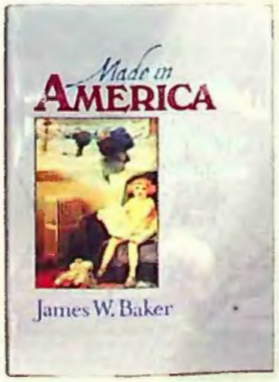

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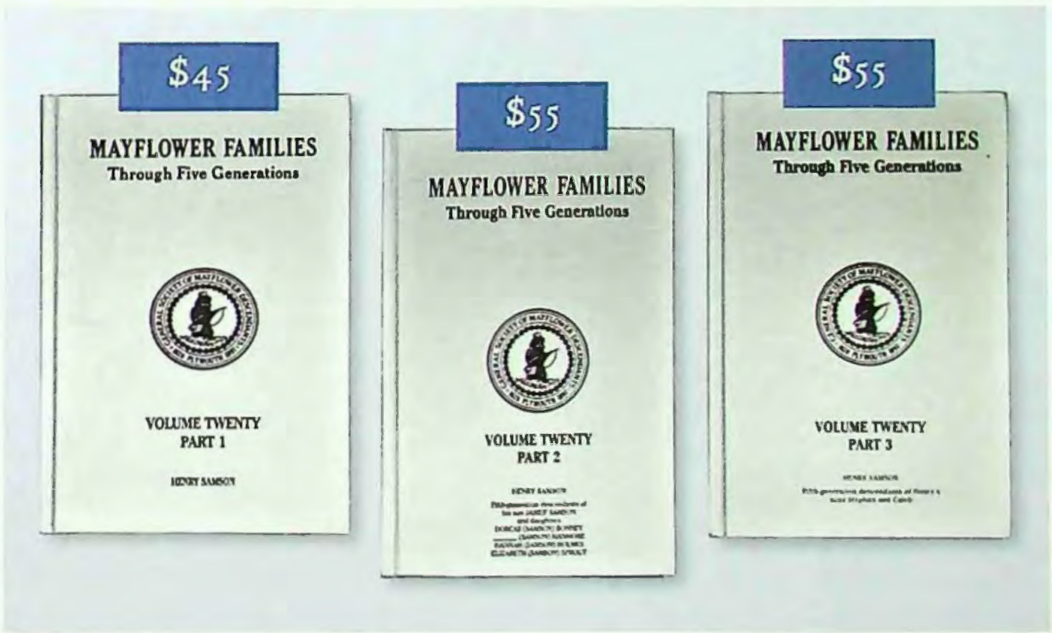

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